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Greetings,

The Department of Social Services, Division of Child Protection Services has reviewed Article 67:42 - Chapters 67:42:01, 67:42:05, 67:42:07, 67:42:08, 67:42:09, 67:43:11, 67:42:12, 67:42:13, and 67:42:15 to ensure regulatory rules are up to date and reflect current practice. When the Division began its review of the rules, representatives from the Department of Corrections, child placement agencies, group care centers for minors and residential and intensive residential treatment centers were invited to participate in the review. As the review process continued, drafts of the rule revisions were shared with providers on more than one occasion to obtain comments.

The Division is preparing for the final steps in the rule promulgation process and would like to invite providers and those interested in the rules to review them. You may review them at <http://dss.sd.gov/news/hearings/>. If you have any comments or additional input, please contact me by April 5, 2013 via email at Virgena.Wieseler@state.sd.us. You may also mail your written comments to me at the Division of Child Protection Services at 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501. Please indicate the rule you are commenting on, your recommendation and the justification for your recommendation.

The next step in the process will include a public hearing held later this spring. A notice of the hearing will be placed on the Child Protection Services' website as well as in other publications as required by law.

Sincerely,

Virgena Wieseler
Division Director